

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 552

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Freda Greene Martin on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Freda Greene Martin is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for more than forty years in the social work field and who will be taking a much deserved retirement on January 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Freda Martin is a graduate of Hamilton High School; and

WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from LeMoyne-Owen College, a Master of Science degree in social work from the University of Tennessee College of Social Work, and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin has served with acumen and alacrity as the program director of the Child Welfare Training Center at the University of Memphis, the position from which she is retiring; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as an adjunct professor of social work at the University of Memphis, and she previously served as director of social work at the Regional Medical Center at Memphis and as discharge planning coordinator and medical social worker at Le Bonheur Children's Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Freda Martin has served as president of the Board of Directors of Associated Catholic Charities, as a volunteer for the Hope House Day Care for children infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS, and as a member of the Aid to End AIDS Committee, currently known as the Friends for Life Agency; and

WHEREAS, she has also served as a life member and past president of the Beta Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and as a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mrs. Martin has been recognized as Social Worker of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers West Tennessee Branch, and she is a recipient of the Beat the Odds Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Freda Martin is an active and devout member of St. Augustine Catholic Church, which she serves as chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council; and

WHEREAS, she is also deeply devoted to her family and has always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Martin is most proud of the love and companionship she shares with her husband, Tommy L. Martin; their daughter and her husband, Melanie and Shane Norman; and their grandchildren, Kara Denise Norman, Sara Rose Norman, and Shane Edward Norman, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, wholly committed to the ideals of civic involvement and public service, Freda Martin exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to her community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Martin has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and the good people of Memphis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Freda Greene Martin our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors, as we reflect fondly upon her exemplary legacy of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.